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When we last heard from Joseph Mailliard he was in Valparaiso, Chile, and not altogether infatuated with the place. He finds that he arrived during the closed season for game, and as all birds are classed as such, the outlook for collecting is hardly reassuring. A stranger is able to collect only on large ranches where the owner is sufficiently prominent to hinder constant molestation by "minions of the law." We hope our friend has found the situation more favorable than the outlook would seem to have indicated and has already an interesting representation of native birds.

Recently we had a letter from E. A. Goldman from Zacatecas, which is one of the famous old mining cities of Mexico. At present writing Mr. Goldman is collecting near Ocotlan, Jalisco, in the interests of the Biological Survey.

Wilfred H. Osgood paid us a flying visit en route to Washington from Alaska, where he has spent the summer in the interests of the Biological Survey.

Lyman Belding, our veteran ornithologist, is now at Pacific Grove. Mr. Belding and the Editor spent two pleasant days along the coast in quest of waterfowl.

Joseph Grinnell visited his home in Pasadena during Christmas week and was present at the annual meeting of the Southern Division.

When last heard from, R. H. Beck was in Washington, D. C., hatching schemes for a new collecting trip.

Malcolm P. Anderson recently returned from a collecting trip on the Stikine River, Alaska.

Ralph Arnold is now in Washington, D. C.

MINUTES OF CLUB MEETINGS

Northern Division

NOVEMBER.—The Northern Division met at 405 Kipling St., Palo Alto, November 1, 1902, President Grinnell presiding. In the absence of Mr. Barlow, T. J. Hoover was appointed secretary pro tem. The club then listened to a talk on the "Birds of Laysan Island," by W. K. Fisher. A paper on the "Faunal Areas of California," by Frank Stephens, was read. Mr. Grinnell told of his experiences with "Mother Cary's Chickens" on Los Coronados Islands. After a short recess the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. W. M. Pierce was elected to active membership and Messrs. H. W. Fowler, J. M. Miller and Miss Agnes Frisius were proposed for membership. A communication from Mr. A. M. Shields tendering a gift of birds and eggs to the Club Museum was read, and the President on motion was instructed to appoint a committee to visit Mr. Shields. T. J. Hoover was appointed as a committee. The Club here adjourned by declaration of the President to discuss a subtle brew. After refreshments a communication from Frank Stephens proposing the preparing of a map showing the faunal areas and life zones in California was discussed. After other sundry business nominations for officers for the year 1903 were then called for. Mr. Barlow was nominated for President. For Senior Vice-President, Messrs. Hoover, Emerson and Snyder; for Junior Vice-President, Messrs. Emerson, Thompson, Skinner, Cohen and Keyes. Mr. Keyes was nominated for Secretary. The following nominations for Business Manager-Treasurer were made: C. Barlow, J. Grinnell, T. J. Hoover.

Mr. Emerson invited the Club to hold its Annual Meeting at his home in Haywards. The Club then adjourned to meet at Haywards, January 10, 1903.

T. J. HOOVER, Secretary pro tem.

JANUARY.—The ninth annual meeting was held at the residence of W. Otto Emerson, Haywards, Saturday evening January 10. The gathering was one of the largest in years, there being about eighteen members present and a goodly number of visitors. Mr. Henry Reed Taylor was unanimously elected President for 1903. The full minutes will be published in the March issue.

Southern Division

NOVEMBER.—The Division met at the residence of Mr. F. S. Daggett, Pasadena, on the evening of Friday, Nov. 28. Mr. Daggett presided and there were five other members present, Messrs. B. Franklin, O. W. Howard, Edw. Howard, Prof. Conant and H. S. Swarth. Mr. Chas. Richard-

son was present as a visitor. Mr. Daggett proposed the name of Mr. Chas. Richardson for active membership; and the resignation of Dr. J. H. McBride was tendered and accepted. The nominations for officers for the ensuing year took place and the following names were proposed: President, F. S. Daggett; Vice President, Howard Robertson; Secretary, H. J. Leland; Treasurer, W. B. Judson and H. S. Swarth.

H. S. SWARTH, Sec'y pro tem.

JANUARY.—The annual meeting of the Southern Division was held on Saturday evening, January 3, 1903, at the residence of Mr. F. S. Daggett, Pasadena, with the following members present: Messrs. W. B. Judson, H. J. Leland, H. Robertson, H. S. Swarth, Prof. Conant and Chas. Richardson. Joseph Grinnell, President of the Club at large, and Fordyce Grinnell were also present.

The death of Mr. A. Stert was reported and the Secretary was instructed to prepare a suitable memorial. Mr. Chas. Richardson, whose name was proposed for active membership at the October meeting, was duly elected to membership. Mr. Daggett proposed the name of Mr. Herbert Brown for membership. The election of officers to serve during 1903 resulted as follows: President, F. S. Daggett; Vice-President, Howard Robertson; Secretary, H. J. Leland; Treasurer, H. S. Swarth. Mr. Daggett reviewed in general the work during the past year by the members of the Southern Division and made some valuable suggestions for future study. A temporary adjournment was taken to another room where refreshments were served. Mr. Grinnell was installed in the chair and he addressed the meeting on the past work and future plans of the Club organ, *THE CONDOR*. Mr. Swarth exhibited a number of skins of the rarer Arizona birds, among which were specimens of the black-fronted warbler, painted redstarts, mountain song sparrows, rivoli, broad-billed, and white-eared hummingbirds, olive warbler, yellow-throat, etc. Mr. Daggett exhibited several skins of the bicolored and red-winged black birds, pointing out the difference of the true bicolor variety and that supposed to be bicolor taken here. Later in the evening he presented a paper "Agelaius gubernator," which covered his illustration entirely. Meeting adjourned.

HOWARD ROBERTSON, Secretary.



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!